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Ms. Maccabee:

Thank you for your keen interest in the MPCA's ongoing work to develop an assessment method for the 10 mg/L sulfate standard for wild rice waters. Please be assured that the MPCA is working diligently in order to be able to assess waters for the standard as part of the 2013 assessment cycle and include impaired waters on the 2014 303(d) list to be sent to EPA later this year.

The MPCA plans to publish a formal call for sulfate data and wild rice information in the State Register on April 1, 2013. We also plan to send the call for data to interested parties using the gov.delivery service that same day. Our intent is to concurrently make a sulfate and wild rice assessment webpage available on the MPCA website to provide further instructions and tools for potential data submitters as well as information related to the development of the assessment method. As details related to the assessment method become available we plan to use the website and email communications to formally solicit input on the assessment, prior to beginning assessments.

In the meantime we appreciate your comments and will consider them as we work to develop the method. Please let me know if you have additional questions or comments.

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Ms. Kessler, Ms. Lotthammer:

Attached, please find a letter from WaterLegacy proposing criteria to prioritize waters to assess for wild rice impairment due to elevated sulfate levels, a list of specific waters with which to initiate that assessment, and a request for current and ongoing information on the proposed assessment methodology being developed by the MPCA.

We look forward to hearing from you and to progress on this important issue.

Best regards,

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